

Agricultural.

BREAKING COLTS.

A writer in the County Gentleman says:—
“A number of your subscribers are troubled with their horses running this fall. I will give you my method of breaking them. First, I make a high, stout mouth bit, which will not blind; put on the horse one hour in the forenoon and one in the afternoon, with bridle straps hanging about the legs—strap pad six inches. Do this for a week, tying him up both sides of the stall, tied moderately. Then change the bit to a chafing bit, placing him between the posts of a double wagon, between two steady farm horses, and have him so regulated by the reins that he can neither pull too much nor fall back, the old horses having control over him by the bridle and reins. Keep him in daily, till he learns all that is necessary when he is spoken to, seldom driving off a walk. Never hitch a young horse to a harrow, plow or culture, till he is thoroughly at command in the wagon, which will take often six months. Drive with blinds if the colt is strong.”

“If disposed to kick in handling, tie up his head as high as possible alongside of the barn, and give him a white birch bush till he can be handled quietly. One good driving will do the business. Bitting a colt as some do, and allowing him to walk about the yard, I have found to spoil him. Standing quietly afterwards, when my colts are broken, they need no hitching; however wild when taken in hand, but are trusty in all respects. Never give a colt in the hands of a brute of a man to break, if you expect him to be docile, for like gets like; a mulish man turns out a mulish horse.”

If you wish a serviceable horse, four years is as young as he should be deemed a horse; he can be well broken before that by my method, with little hindrance about a farm, and is worth three horses that are put to draft at two years old.

You will perceive the full of this chapter being made ergo, not only breaks the colt of the handling, but also in putting on the harness, but he carries a better tail, and has power to hug the reins, and is disposed to bolt, a few rods with the reins will quiet him for that. Never check a young horse too much when walking in harness, for it is apt to spoil his reach, and give him a hitching gait.”

What are Silesian Sheep?

THEIR CHARACTERISTICS.—In reply to numerous inquiries, we have to say—that the sheep called in this country Silesian are, we believe, pure Spanish sheep—being taken from the Negretto flock in Spain, and bred pure without any out side crosses. Their wool is not particularly long, but very dense. Great length of fibre and extraordinary density are seldom found together. The most remarkable feature of the fleece is a hair-like surface, producing about as much wool, and of as good a quality from a given number of square inches on the belly as on the back. Their wool is decidedly fine, and commands the highest price. They are of medium size—full grown ewes weighing from eighty to one hundred and twenty pounds, and the bucks from one hundred and twenty to one hundred and fifty pounds. The cross backs of this breed upon the fine woolled flocks of the country has been, as far as we are informed, very satisfactory—but as increasing the weight and improving the quality of the wool—William H. Leslie, of Richmond, Jefferson county, Ohio, has made the largest importations into this country. From his flock have sprung other flocks in Harrison, Jefferson, and Wyandotte and other counties, Ohio, and in Western Virginia and Pennsylvania.

To Housekeepers.

SOMMERS' BABY'S BEST MEDICINAL MALT-BRASSER.

Is manufactured from common malt, and is prepared entirely different from other

medicinal malt-brassers, and is

manufactured in such a manner as to produce

strong, sweet, and nutritious malt-brass.

The malt-brass is made from the best

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